

Flights delayed in Paris

PARIS, Aug. 26 (AFP). — A work-to-rule by French air traffic controllers which began at noon delayed flights today at Charles de Gaulle and Orly airports here, but most of the delays were slight. At Charles de Gaulle airport, numerous delays of about fifteen minutes were reported beginning at 1 p.m. Traffic at Orly was also affected by the work-to-rule, with the delays registering between fifteen minutes to one hour. None of the 548 flights scheduled for today was reported to have been cancelled. Air Inter reported all its flights operating with only slight delays. The air controllers are demanding the removal of military air traffic controllers from their posts at the Charles de Gaulle control tower.

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Arafat meets with Khaddam

DAMASCUS, Aug. 26 (R). — Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat had two hours of talks today with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam on the Middle East conflict and ways of strengthening Arab solidarity, government officials said. The meeting took place after the Palestinian Central Council (PCC) ended a meeting here. The two men discussed the Middle East situation, matters to be raised at the forthcoming Arab League Foreign Ministers session, and ways of strengthening Arab solidarity, the officials said. The talks also covered coordination of the Arab position during next month's session of the U.N. General Assembly.

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Angry clash between Begin and Romanian premier at banquet

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (R). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin engaged in a verbal clash with Romanian Premier Manea Manescu at a banquet given in his honour in Jerusalem last night. Israeli newspapers reported today. They said Mr. Begin, who is leaving Romania, departed on the prepared text of his dinner remarks to challenge his host's comments about the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Israeli policy in occupied territories. In his toast, Mr. Manescu told the PLO should attend a peace conference and expressed Romanian concern at establishment of new Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. Correspondents travelling with Mr. Begin said the Israeli was clearly surprised by a remark. They said Mr. Begin departed from his prepared text by saying: "It is my sad duty to form you that the so-called PLO wants to annihilate the Jewish state."

given the text of Mr. Manescu's remarks only minutes before the dinner. When he rose to respond, he said: "I will have to insert two or three sentences, with your permission, into the speech to answer some of your points." According to the Jerusalem Post, he then delivered a lengthy and impassioned condemnation of the PLO and justification of Israel's desire for border changes. Reports here noted that Mr. Manescu did not join the polite applause given afterwards to Mr. Begin by others at the dinner. The Israeli correspondents also compared the sparse references on radio and television to Mr. Begin's visit with extensive coverage being given to Egyptian parliamentarians who are also here. They also said there were no Israeli flags in the streets as there had been during a visit five years ago by Mrs. Golda Meir when she was prime minister. According to the Jerusalem Post, a Romanian official said this was merely evidence of a "more confident relationship between the two countries."



POLICY MEETING — Officials of the Palestinian Central Council meet in Damascus Thursday night to reject U.S. mediation efforts in the Middle East. (AP wirephoto).

African frontline states meet to discuss Rhodesia problem

LUSAKA, Aug. 26 (R). — Black Africa's five "frontline" states today began summit talks here on Rhodesia and were expected to prepare demands for the disbanding of the white-led Rhodesian army as essential to any settlement in the territory. British Foreign Secretary David Owen and America's U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young were due in Lusaka tonight and will present the latest Anglo-American proposals for a Rhodesia settlement to presidents and senior officials from Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Botswana and Angola tomorrow.

The five countries have assumed special responsibility for seeking an end to Rhodesia's white minority government. Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, Chairman of the frontline group, has said he possesses written assurances from Britain and the U.S. that their proposals include the takeover of the Rhodesian army by the guerrillas. The summit source said that if the Western countries backed down from this promise, their plan would be rejected.

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U.S. should favour Israel, says Eban

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (R). — Foreign Minister Abba Eban believes the Americans are not interested so much in a results of Israeli-Arab peace negotiations as the fact that they should begin. Mr. Eban, who recently completed a lecture tour of the United States, he undertook at the request of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, was interviewed by the afternoon newspaper Yediot Aharonot today. Mr. Eban said: "The U.S. is the moment gives overriding priority to one thing — the opening of negotiations by the end of the year, transforming discussions from public statements to negotiations behind closed doors..."

In view of the Arabs' overwhelming strength in oil, manpower and territories, U.S. friendship for Israel was essential. "Under such circumstances, even-handedness is not enough," he said. The influential Haaretz daily said today that Mr. Eban had presented a written report to Prime Minister Menachem Begin on his visit to the U.S. It said that U.S. President Jimmy Carter's friendship for Mr. Begin was based on the understanding that the positions outlined by Mr. Begin in his talks with the president were open to amendment in the course of negotiations with the Arab states.

Both these measures form part of the new Western package intended to smooth the way towards black majority rule in Rhodesia according to reports published abroad. Commenting on the proposals as outlined in the reports, Mr. Smith told reporters: "I believe these show lack of integrity and sincerity on (British Foreign Secretary) Dr. David Owen's part and I find it difficult to believe that these are part of a genuine settlement."

Smith says he won't resign or dismantle security forces

SALISBURY, Aug. 26 (R). — Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith said today he would reject the latest Anglo-American peace proposals for the territory if they included his own resignation and the dismantling of Rhodesian security forces. Both these measures form part of the new Western package intended to smooth the way towards black majority rule in Rhodesia according to reports published abroad. Commenting on the proposals as outlined in the reports, Mr. Smith told reporters: "I believe these show lack of integrity and sincerity on (British Foreign Secretary) Dr. David Owen's part and I find it difficult to believe that these are part of a genuine settlement."

He added: "My answer quite clearly is that I will not accept." According to the reports the Anglo-American proposals also include the installation of a British interim administration to lead the country into elections based on one-man, one-vote. Dr. Owen and Mr. Andrew Young, the U.S. Ambassador to

Palestinian Council rejects U.S. proposals

DAMASCUS, Aug. 26 (R). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today formally rejected United States proposals that it abandon opposition to United Nations Security Council guidelines for a Middle East settlement as a condition for joining new Arab-Israeli peace talks.

(to what is now Israel), the right to self-determination and to the independence of our people under the leadership of the PLO.

A communique issued after nine hours grueling policy debate by the 55-member Palestinian Central Council (PCC) accused the Americans of collusion with Israel.

The communique called for implementation of General Assembly Resolution 3236 of 1974 which defined Palestinian rights, on these lines, and it said that the problem of the Palestinians driven from their homes after the 1948 establishment of the Jewish state was the core of the Middle East conflict.

The council reaffirmed a 15-point policy programme adopted last March by the Palestinian National Council (PNC), the Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

It stressed the importance of armed struggle and renewed calls for an escalation of military acts in retaliation for what the PLO sees as Israeli plans to annex the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The programme categorically ruled out Palestinian attendance of a reconvened Middle East peace conference in Geneva on the basis of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 — which embodies the guidelines the Americans wished the PLO to accept.

The communique made no explicit mention of reports that the PLO was pressing for an amendment to the substance of Resolution 242 as a condition for attending peace talks.

The first point of the four-point communique today said the council "condemns all United States and Zionist manoeuvres aimed at ignoring the rights of our people to return."

But the council's emphasis on General Assembly Resolution 3236 strongly suggested that the Palestinians would be prepared for no less than a new resolution on lines unacceptable to Israel.

Uganda is only prepared to pay 5.5 million shillings (about £360,000) now, and the remainder in instalments over a 10-year period, without interest.

Referring to the Palestinian Central Council meeting, the newspaper said: "The Palestinians should take effective policy and should not limit themselves to merely rejecting any efforts to settle the Arab-Israeli dispute. A more positive stand is required," it said.

Uganda will compensate refugees

NAIROBI, Aug. 26 (R). — Uganda is prepared to pay 40 million shillings (about £2.65 million) over the next 10 years as compensation to stateless Asians expelled from the country in 1972, Uganda radio, monitored here, reported today.

Israelis cheered by Palestinian hard line

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (R). — An apparent hard line on peace with Israel pursued by Palestinian leaders meeting in Damascus was viewed with tacit official satisfaction here today. "It's no surprise to us," a Foreign Ministry official said of agreement yesterday by the Palestinian Central Council not to drop opposition to U.N. Security Council guidelines for a Middle East settlement.

U.S. efforts to talk the Palestinians into changing their attitude on Israel's right to exist have been officially viewed here as misguided and unhelpful to peace.

But President Idi Amin has rejected a plea from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, for the sum to be paid in full immediately.

Mr. Eban's rightwing government has denounced as ineffective such proposals. The recent Israeli steps to establish new Jewish settlements in the West Bank are explained as moves to "establish the credibility of our claim that Jews should be able to live in the Biblical lands where they first flourished."

The radio said the government wished to announce the results of compensation talks in Kampala with representatives of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees.

Like Mr. Dayan, the officials say that if only peace talks could get started then "everything is negotiable."

Lebanese rightwing militia leaders to meet

BEIRUT, Aug. 26 (R). — The commanders of Lebanon's powerful rightwing militias were called to today's session of a summit meeting of rightwing leaders which last night issued a strong ultimatum to the Lebanese authorities. Amongst those militia leaders expected to attend today's session are the commanders of the Phalangist party militia, the National Liberal Party's "Numour" (tiger) militia and the "Guardians of the Cedars". A statement issued by last

night's session of the meeting of these militias' political bosses recalled last weekend's sectarian fighting in the mountainous Shouf region. Calling for a thorough investigation into the incident, in which 11 people were reported killed, the statement reported that those present at the meeting, "swore an oath to move to the execution of decisions taken at yesterday's session if the authorities do not immediately take the necessary steps."

politicos summon mountain meeting

It did not reveal what these decisions were. A spokesman for the rightwing parties had told Reuters last Monday that if government action in response to the Shouf incidents were not forthcoming, then the rightists would take "what measures it could" to ensure peaceful co-existence in the region. But last night's statement from the summit in the northern mountain resort of Ehdin is considered a much more serious ultimatum. Participants included ex-presidents Camille Chamoun and Suleiman Frangieh and Phalangist party supremo Pierre Gemayel. Their meeting was originally to have been a seminar to

mult over medium- and long-term developments. But last night it was announced that in the wake of the Shouf incidents they had decided to cut short the discussion and hold a military working-session today. Today's rightwing press carried full reports of developments in Ehdin, with the National Liberal Party's Al Ahrar banner "the oath" right across the front page. The leftwing press expressed anxiety over the strong wording of the rightist statement, with the pro-Libyan Al Kifah Al Arabi describing it as "provocative, to say the least."

Somalis seen losing impetus in war

NAIROBI, Aug. 26 (R). — Somali forces seem to be losing the initiative in their war against Ethiopia after their unsuccessful attempt to storm the strategic mountain stronghold of Dire Dawa, diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa said today. Ethiopia has moved 40,000 militia to bolster the defences of Dire Dawa and the other mountain towns of Hara and

Dijliga, which are in the Ahmar mountains to the east of Addis Ababa, the sources said. The source said: "A week ago you got the impression here that the Ethiopians were very hard pressed indeed. But now there is an increasing feeling that unless the Somalis act fast then the thrust of their offensive will be slowed right down."

Chad minister accuses Libya

NDJAMENA, Chad, Aug. 26 (AFP). — Chadian Mines Minister Zakaria Dabab said today that Libya was seeking to control mineral reserves in Aouzou in northern Chad. He told a public meeting in N'Djamena that because Libya's reserves were drying up, Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi was now seeking "other wealth". Libya forces occupy Chad's Aouzou area 500 kms. north of N'Djamena, backing Touareg rebels against the Chad government. Major Zakaria said Col. Qadhafi did not really want to suppress the Touaregs but was seeking Aouzou's uranium, gold and diamond reserves. Col. Qadhafi, he charged, was attempting to set the Chad people against each other.

Official advocates neutron bomb

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Aug. 26 (AFP). — North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Secretary General Joseph Luns said today that NATO's adoption of the neutron bomb "will make aggression less likely and will further lessen the chances of nuclear weapons being used." Speaking to the annual assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Dr. Luns said that "the public is highly sensitive to the arrival of any new weapon, and this is a legitimate subject for thorough public discussion." But, he added, "I regret the degree to which some Western commentators have conducted the debate on the basis of half truths, which is to say, half

untruths and even ignorance." "NATO's deterrence," he continued, "has relied on nuclear as well as conventional forces and will have to continue to do so. It is essential that this deterrence is kept credible in the light of developments both in the numerical and technological strength of the potential aggressor. And it is considered that the enhanced radiation warhead (neutron bomb) will contribute to maintaining the credibility of the deterrence." Dr. Luns continued: "Of course, the aim of all weapons is to put armed forces out of action. The main characteristic of the enhanced radiation warhead is that it causes less collateral damage than other types of nuclear weapons."

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UNRWA employees meet minister to settle pay dispute

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Development and Reconstruction Hassan Ibrahim has received two delegations of UNRWA employees from the East and West Banks to try to settle a pay dispute, Al Dustour stated Friday.

The minister is responsible for United Nations Relief and Works Agency affairs in Jordan.

The meeting discussed differences between UNRWA and the employees on a cost of living wage increase and how to incorporate such an increase into the basic salary. The dispute centres on the interpretation of an agreement concluded between the two sides in April 1975.

The minister advised West Bank employees not to resort to strike action, which they planned for Sept. 1.

He promised the two delegations to make all possible efforts and contacts to settle the dispute.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR, on Friday, said that His Majesty King Hussein saw it appropriate, at a time when international peace efforts are working to find a solution to the Middle East conflict, to warn anew of the possibility that Israel will mount a surprise war in order to enforce a new status quo and retain possession of occupied Arab territories. The King's warning is not meant to destroy hopes for peace but to emphasize that peace efforts, by themselves, will not protect the Arabs from Israeli hostilities. Therefore, the King's warning comes as a call on the Arabs to be prepared for such an eventuality. The Arabs must work on two lines: one line should act as if a fifth war is approaching, while the other should work on the assumption that peace efforts will bear fruit. Thus, the Arabs will be prepared enough to face whatever may happen.

AL AKHBAR noted three news items: the first was a warning that the world's output of cereals in the last two years raises the alarm of the approach of an international crisis of food scarcity; the second was a comment on the destructive capability of the U.S. neutron bomb which kills people without damaging property; and the third was a United Nations' statistic which indicated that the population of the Middle East will increase so rapidly in the next few years that the area will not be able to accommodate all the people living there. If these three news items are mixed together one can imagine a situation where the neutron bomb will be exploded in the Middle East to get rid of its many peoples and then use the land to plant enough cereals to feed the world -- maybe even inject a new colonialist power here, since there will be no one to object after the neutron bomb would have done its duty thoroughly!

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The Jordan Times is interested in seeing the work of local photographers who would like to contribute to our photo feature "Look of the Land". Single black-and-white photographs noteworthy either for their subject content or artistic merit will be published, and the photographer will receive a name credit and financial compensation.

The Jordan Times is also interested in photo-stories of 5-10 black-and-white pictures on a single local theme or subject, with or without accompanying text. Payment is made according to the quality of the photographs.

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Hassan Ibrahim states : Jordan supports Syrian call for New York meet on Israeli policies

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim said Friday that Jordan has informed Syria of its full support for steps taken by the Syrian government to confront the recent Israeli decisions on settlements and annexation of occupied areas. It also supports Syria's call to foreign ministers of Islamic and non-aligned countries to hold a meeting at New York next month to counter the Israeli decisions, he stated.

"Jordan will make every effort to make the Syrian moves a success," Mr. Ibrahim said, adding that he had contacted Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and discussed steps to be taken to face the threats posed by the Israeli decisions as soon as they are announced.



Her Highness Princess Basma hands over a certificate to a student from the Wasfiyyah vocational centre during a graduation ceremony for the school at the Palace of Culture Thursday afternoon. The Latin Bishop, Nemei Al Sim'aan also in the photo, earlier emphasised the importance of vocational centres for bringing up an efficient, qualified generation to serve its country. Princess Basma distributed certificates and prizes to 130 students, who completed training courses in secretarial work, typing, sewing, cutting and house management.

Study completed on controls for car spare parts

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Najmeddine Dajani has announced that his ministry has completed a study on controlling car spare part prices, Al Ra'i stated Friday.

Dr. Dajani said the study was submitted to the Cabinet for review and debate.

Al Ra'i learnt that the list submitted to the Cabinet contains a large number of spare parts. Tags will be attached to each piece, bearing its sale and cost prices and profit, the paper said.

It was also learnt that spare part prices will be reasonable compared to present prices.

University head leaves today for Europe. U.S.

AMMAN (JNA). — President of Yarmouk University Dr. Adnan Badran leaves for a ten-day European tour Saturday to discuss cooperation between European universities and Yarmouk University.

He will follow his European tour with a two-week visit to the United States to look over the regulations and organization of number of American universities.

Investment plan for free zone approved

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Administrative Council of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Free Zone Company approved the zone's JD 2.6 million investment plan at a meeting in Dera Wednesday, according to Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Chairman of the Administrative Council Dr. Hashem Dabbas.

The chairman, who returned here from Dera Thursday, said the plan will be submitted to the company's general assembly on Sept. 8, according to Al Ra'i newspaper Friday.

SYRIAN ARMY GOES OUT ON MANOEUVRE

DAMASCUS, Aug. 26 (R). — Syrian mechanised units backed by infantry, artillery, rocket batteries and combat aircraft yesterday staged manoeuvres to counter a supposed "enemy" advance from Israeli-occupied territory.

An army statement said Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas attended the manoeuvres, the first for several months, but gave no details of where they were held.

Maj.-Gen. Tlas later told officers to "be prepared for fighting (the enemy) and remain the vanguard of the Arab nation in its confrontation with the Zionist enemy."

SPOTLIGHT

Somalia dreams of uniting old colonies

The strength of nationalist feeling in Mogadishu towards the idea of Greater Somalia is symbolised by the five points on the star in the centre of Somalia's light blue flag. Each point represents a province of Greater Somalia.

Slad Barre is on the verge of adding the third province to Mogadishu's rule through the cleverly timed campaign by the WSLF.

While there is an obvious strain on relations between Somalia and the U.S.S.R since the outbreak of the liberation war, there is no sign of a complete break. If the Soviet Union can be considered as trying to ride two horses at once in the Horn of Africa, then Mogadishu is trying to control a coach and four.

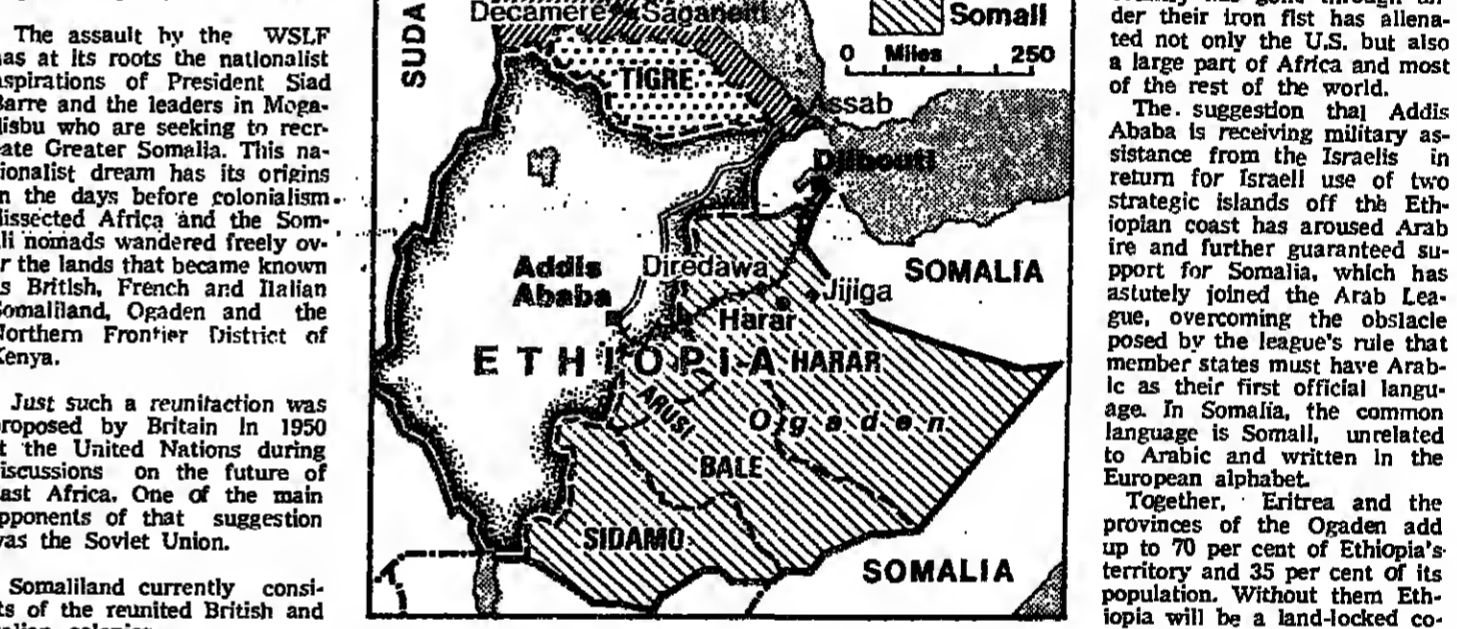
The Somalis owe their military successes to Soviet arms and Soviet maintenance crews. Soviet facilities at the Somali ports of Berbera and Kismayu have not been threatened, and so long as Moscow shows no inclination to use these facilities to aid beleaguered Ethiopia Mogadishu has indicated its desire to retain the estimated 5,000 Russian advisers in Somalia.

According to APS, Somali military intelligence is keeping a close watch on Soviet activities at the two naval bases while Maj.-Gen. Barre assiduously courts the favours of the moderate Arab states and their aid resources, the United States and other potential Western sources of military material as well as keeping himself in favour with the Organisation of African Unity.

It is clear that Somalia's successes would not have been so acquiescently received in international forums if the geopolitics of the Horn of Africa had not changed so dramatically in recent years. It would be impossible for example to imagine the United States and the OAU standing idly by during an assault on Ethiopia if Haile Selassie was still Emperor. But since Col. Mengistu seized power three years ago, the excesses of the military rulers and the bloodletting (the country has gone through under their iron fist has alienated not only the U.S. but also a large part of Africa and most of the rest of the world).

The suggestion that Addis Ababa is receiving military assistance from the Israelis in return for Israeli use of two strategic islands off the Ethiopian coast has aroused Arab ire and further guaranteed support for Somalia, which has astutely joined the Arab League, overcoming the obstacle posed by the league's rule that member states must have Arabic as their first official language. In Somalia, the common language is Somali, unrelated to Arabic and written in the European alphabet.

Together, Eritrea and the provinces of the Ogaden add up to 70 per cent of Ethiopia's territory and 35 per cent of its population. Without them Ethiopia will be a land-locked country of only 563,000 sq. kms.



WSLF welcomed by Somalis in the Ogaden

WERDER, Southern Ogaden, Aug. 26 (AFP). — The Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF) lost 100 men in a 12-day battle last month for this important village in Ethiopia's disputed Ogaden Province.

Its losses in a simultaneous attack on Ethiopia's main base in the region at Gode were not disclosed. "A military secret," said a WSLF official.

But he told a group of journalists, including this correspondent, being shown the battle scenes, that Ethiopia's losses were substantial and that over 1,500 Addis Ababa troops were captured.

Soviet-made mortars were also seized, proof for the WSLF that Moscow is aiding the Ethiopians.

The Gode base had its own airstrip, housed an aircraft squadron and was defended by 5,000 men. Nabdhollaye Ahmad, the Front's field commander, said the July 11-12 attack was concentrated on a bridge spanning the river Schebele, south of the base.

Once this was taken the guerrillas attacked the three Ethiopian camps with rockets and bazookas, and finally the airfield, defended by eight anti-aircraft canoes, and the Imperial Palace.

A WSLF spokesman said that Swedish "mercenary" pilot Count Von Risen was killed during the attack and 1,500 Ethiopians taken prisoner. He refused to disclose how many WSLF troops fought in the battle which lasted until the end of July. The war is not over and it is a military secret," he said.

The WSLF claimed it shot down four Ethiopian F-5 aircraft, a bomber and a troop transport plane.

The fort at Kelafo was captured on July 25 after a 12-hour battle following a seven-day siege. Eighty of the 260 strong Ethiopian garrison were killed and 50 taken prisoner, said WSLF local commander Bechger Mohammad. The others fled.

The fort of Fitewerap on a hill overlooking the village of Mustahil was attacked twice, on July 25 and 29. More than 100 Ethiopian soldiers were killed. 80 of them burned alive in buildings hit by rocket and mortar fire.

Local people in these "liberated" areas told the visiting journalists that they welcomed the WSLF. Abdoulayeh Mohammad, a trader in his 60's, said: "I hope the Ethiopians never come back," echoing the general feeling.

He said armed Ethiopians had come to his shop and taken what they wanted without paying. "Now they've gone no one will come and steal or threaten me. I feel doubly free."

For most people in South Ogaden the soldiers sent by Addis Ababa were more than just strangers. No communication was possible between them.

Villagers spoke Somali dialects while the Ethiopians spoke Amharic.

For years it has been an arrestable offence to use Somali currency for trading. Local people settled their dues according to the wishes of the authorities; nomads gave cattle, traders paid with goods or food and peasants supplied grain.

Anti-Ethiopian feeling was vividly demonstrated in villages visited by the journalists. Local people, many of them armed with new rifles or brandishing machetes, chanted slogans hostile to Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam. The remnants of an old ivory denoting Col. Mengistu was symbolically stabbed by youths.



DEFEATED ETHIOPIANS -- Col. Mengistu's troops, badly equipped and poorly armed, surrender during fighting in the Eritrean province. (The photo).

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on the collapse of the Ethiopian Empire

Rival groups hesitate on all out Eritrean assault

By John Bonar
Special to the Jordan Times

This could be the year Eritrea wins its independence from Ethiopia. The Eritreans have made major gains in territory from the Addis Ababa regime which has been determined to continue the colonial hold on the northern province which gives Ethiopia its only direct access to the sea.

The Eritreans have cut off the provincial capital Asmara and the Imperial capital of Addis Ababa from the sea ports of Assab and Massawa but have stopped short of an all out assault to capture the entire province.

The key to this hesitation may lie in the differences splitting the three Eritrean guerrilla groups.

The Eritrean Liberation Front is split into two - the Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC) and the Popular Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF). The third group is the Eritrean Popular Liberation Front (EPLF).

Efforts to unite all three have so far met with little success although the ELF-RC and the ELF-PLF appear close to political union and are cooperating militarily.

The Chairman of the ELF-PLF Executive Committee Othman Salih Sabbi warned earlier this month that: "National unity is a fundamental condition for the declaration of independence, if we want to avoid a civil war similar to the war of Angola."

The Eritrean Liberation Front was launched in 1961. In 1970 the left wing of the Front led by Issaias Afewerki and Muhammad Nur split to form the EPLF. The ensuing power struggle within the ELF led to the chief spokesmen, Mr. Sabbi forming the ELF-PLF in opposition to Ahmad Nasser's ELF-RC.

While the division between the two ELF factions is basically a clash of personalities the differences between them and the EPLF is much more fundame-

ntal and ideological. All agree on the aim of independence and have rejected the Russian-Cuban-Libyan suggestion for a federation with Ethiopia. The ELF-RC is supported by Iraq, Algeria and Tunisia. The ELF-PLF has close relations with the moderate Arab states. The EPLF terms itself "national democratic", draws its strength from both Moslems and Christians and denies it is Marxist.

While the ELF factions are stronger militarily than the EPLF the latter has developed better relations with the peasants in the areas it controls setting up village administrations and providing basic social services including hospitals, vocational training programmes and instituting land reform programmes. This gives it a broader base of grass roots support.

Union with Somalia will follow People's Congress, says Front leader in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, Aug. 25 (R). - A Somali guerrilla leader indicated today that the Ogaden desert, wrested from Ethiopian control in a month of war, would be united with Somalia after a People's Congress.

Ahmed Hussein Halle, one of the 15 executive committee members of the Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF), said in an interview at the Front's office here:

"We are colonised and we don't see why we should be different from the rest of the world in securing our dignity and right of emancipation." Asked whether the Ogaden would be united with Somalia, he replied:

"The people will have to de-



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side but one thing is certain -- Western Somalia is just part of the divided Somali homeland and it has been the dream of our people to come together one day and rejoin our brethren."

"Every Somali, no matter where he is living, looks forward to the day when Somalia is reunited. This is fundamental and it will not change."

Asked whether there would be elections so the people could express their views, he said:

"Holding popular elections sometimes can't be afforded. Of course there must be consultations with the people but

maybe some types of elections known to the west are for us luxuries.

"There may be some kind of Party Congress with representatives appointed at village and district level."

WSLF Secretary-General Abdallah Hussein Mahmoud, said he had just returned to his recently "liberated" home village of Duhum in the foothills on the western edge of the Ogaden.

He declined to expand on official Somali reports of foreign troops flying in to aid Ethiopia.

"I should say that so far

Soviet forces have not appeared anywhere in the war. There may be some advisers," he said.

Asked why he would not say firmly whether or not Cuba had sent troops, he replied: "The reason we don't want to say the names is we don't want the war internationalised."

As far as the Soviet Union is concerned we are not hiding anything. Everyone knows that the Soviets give so much military aid, so many arms, so much money which is being used for the extermination of thousands and thousands of innocent people in Western Somalia and Eritrea.

"But as far as soldiers are concerned we are not yet sufficiently convinced to say there are Soviet soldiers in the battle so far."

Absurdity's loophole By Bassam Bishuti

Cherchez la loophole !

In the midst of the bullaboo which accompanied the Israeli legalisation of new settlements on the occupied West Bank nobody seems to have taken sufficient notice of a short statement by United States' President Jimmy Carter. He explained his administration's reluctance to put pressure on Israel over this question by saying that he had "private assurances" from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin that the settlements "would not be occupied permanently," and that the West Bank "would be included in negotiations towards a Middle East peace agreement."

I said that this was President Carter's explanation for his own line of policy; I didn't say I would explain what the Messiah was up to now - because you have to admit that Messiah Begin is confounding us all. If he has "assured" President Carter that the settlements will not be occupied permanently, and if President Carter allows himself to go on record that the West Bank is negotiable, then what is the Messiah doing legalising more settlements there?

Some people theorise that President Carter's confidence on the matter stems from the fact that he knows that Messiah Begin's actions are only a political manoeuvre designed to afford him a better bargaining position at the promised peace negotiations with the Arabs, which is why President Carter can risk sounding so soft and so optimistic. But this theory leaves one unanswered question: Is there not a risk that the more the Americans refuse to challenge Israeli actions of this sort the more the Arabs are going to lose faith in the seriousness of the American peace initiative and, consequently, refuse to play along?

The only possible answer is that President Carter has somehow managed to convince Arab leaders that his determination for peace is unshakable and that his reluctance to condemn such hostile Israeli measures is a well-studied position which, because of the "private assurances" he has, cannot ever be interpreted by the Israelis as a "green light" allowing them to concoct more threats to peace. In other words, President Carter must have, in one way or another, made it clear to the satisfac-

tion of the Arabs that he is not doing much about it because such an Israeli move is only a political manoeuvre.

But if this answer is correct we are faced with the following absurd situation: President Carter, the Arabs and the Israelis are all playing-acting, and they are play-acting for an audience which is none other than themselves. If President Carter knows that Messiah Begin is only attempting a manoeuvre, and if the Arabs have been assured of that, then what is the point of the manoeuvre? If the Arabs are sure President Carter will not allow Israel to permanently settle its stray Jews on the West Bank and that the West Bank is negotiable, then what is Messiah Begin hoping to accomplish with his manoeuvre? What is President Carter achieving by being almost apologetic about it? What are the Arabs gaining by raising this hue and cry over the West Bank settlements?

Since this is too impossible a situation, we must conclude that there must have been something wrong with our assumptions. Either Messiah's Begin's "assurances" to President Carter are a lie - which means that Israel intends to keep its settlements, retain the West Bank and, consequently, does not aim at a peace agreement with the Arabs - or the game is much, much bigger than that. For it is unlikely that President Carter will permit his peace initiative, on which he has staked so much of his political reputation, founder because of an Israeli act whose real intentions he is not sure about and which he deliberately misses the opportunity to challenge; and it is equally unlikely that the Arabs are letting themselves into the snare of an Israeli manoeuvre which, after all, is directed against them.

I do not think that President Carter is so naive as to be deceived by Messiah Begin and the thing is not a game of cards for cheating to be possible in the long run. So, it would seem, the thing is a game - but a more lethal game than one of cards. But I am Scherazade and dawn is breaking and I can tell you no more about this game. If you have some spare time and would like to solve the puzzle by yourself I'll give you a clue: look for the loophole - the loophole which represents the weakest point in the chain of the game.

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Portugal announces sweeping economic reform package

LISBON, Aug. 26 (R). — Portugal's Prime Minister Mario Soares has introduced sweeping economic reforms with the declared aim of restoring the country's finances and stabilising its democracy.

In a speech broadcast last night he announced a 25 per cent price rise for petrol — already Europe's most expensive — higher interest rates on investment and a reduction of 10 to 20 per cent in public spending.

Firms with financial problems will be allowed to cut wages and the government will extend its policy of encouraging the private sector and foreign investment.

A fluctuating exchange rate will be established for the escudo, devalued by 15 per cent last February.

Dr. Soares said the devaluation had been too traumatic to be repeated, but the currency would be liable to periodic small adjustments.

Admitting that the new policies would be unpopular, Dr. Soares said they were essential if Portugal was to save itself.

He defended himself in advance from the expected violent reaction from the communists. He was not betraying his minority government's socialist programme, he said, but he wanted to save the revolution. It would be possible to think of socialism only after the economy had been improved and democracy stabilised.

Answering recent communist charges that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was dictating the government's economic policies, Dr. Soares said that unless international loans had been forthcoming, the prospect for Portugal would have been starvation.

He added that there was no danger of food rationing, although if drastic energy savings were not achieved by the end of this year, petrol ration-

ing would be introduced

Fluctuating escudo

Portugal's new fluctuating exchange rate for the escudo, announced last night, will take effect next month, Bank of Portugal Vice Governor Victor Constancio told Reuters today.

He said the fluctuation was expected to be around one per cent a month, rather than the lines of the system applied for the Brazilian cruzeiro.

A five per cent rise in the Portuguese bank rate, from eight to 13 per cent, took effect today as part of the new austerity package, he said.

Dr. Constancio, who also heads Portugal's negotiating team for entry into the European Common Market, said interest rates on credits for consumer goods were increased from two to eight per cent.

Dr. Constancio also said the government was reviewing all import quotas.

Dr. Soares said last night the fluctuating rate was chosen instead of a sharp new devaluation because of the traumatic effect of the 15 per cent devaluation last February.

Dr. Constancio said the new scheme would take effect about Sept. 1. The monthly downward adjustments of around one per cent would continue so long as the inflationary situation required.

He said inflation this year would probably be under 30 per cent, against 26 per cent last year, and that the new measures should begin to bite before the end of this year. Portugal's balance of payments deficit is moving towards \$1.1 billion this year.

Shah begins visit to Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, Aug. 26 (R). — The Shah of Iran today began a five-day visit to Czechoslovakia after a similar stay in neighbouring Poland which produced accords on economic, industrial and cultural cooperation.

The Shah and his wife, Empress Farah, who last visited Czechoslovakia 10 years ago, are guests of President Gustav Husak.

Czechoslovak newspapers today carried photographs of the royal couple on their front pages.

Economic cooperation is expected to figure high in negotiations here, as it did in the Shah's talks with Polish leader Edward Gierk.

Iran's energy resources have acquired an added appeal now that the Soviet Union has indicated to its East European allies that it can no longer fulfil their growing fuel demands.

The Shah, who signed a cultural agreement on his last visit here, was due to begin official negotiations with President Husak this afternoon.

In Poland, the new economic and industrial cooperation agreement runs for 15 years and the cultural cooperation accord for three.

Britain's airport strike begins

LONDON, Aug. 26 (R). — A holiday weekend strike by Britain's air traffic control assistants got under way today but many would-be passengers fearing chaos and long delays, stayed away from airports or cancelled their bookings.

Airport staff described the terminals at London's Heathrow as deserted but predicted that chaos would soon build up. An information clerk said: "People seem to have given up flying altogether."

But another airport official added: "We are expecting delays and cancellations to build up especially during the peak times around midday and early evening." A British Airways spokesman said that all flights scheduled to go from Heathrow were leaving on time.

British Airways have cancelled a third of their 200 scheduled services and other major airlines have also cut back on flights, both incoming and outgoing.

Other British Airways reported few delays. The four-day strike timed to coincide with a public holiday here, followed a go-slow by the assistants in support of a pay claim, and had been expected to cause widespread disruption.

All British airports were hit by the strike and at Prestwick, in Scotland, the assistants are to continue their strike into next week. Press reports here said individual control centres would be hit by week-long strikes separately.

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LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed above earlier lows Friday following the cancellation of the threatened strike at British Leyland, dealers said. Trading was quiet ahead of the long weekend in the U.K. At 15:00 hrs the F.T. index was down 1.5 at 484.6.

Government bonds erased initial falls of up to 1/4 point to close up to 1/8 point higher where changed, dealers said. Occasional small falls were recorded.

Equities followed the trend in government bonds and closed up to 4p lower where changed, although some rises were reported. Gold share prices recovered with the bullion price and were steady to narrowly higher on balance. U.S. and Canadian issues lost ground.

Associated Portland Cement extended yesterday's sharp rise following interim results and closed 5p higher at 232p. Decca added 14p.

Industrial leaders were up to 4p lower where changed after paring initial falls by up to 6p. Bowaters, Reed, Glaxo and Vickers gained up to 3p against the trend. Among quiet banks, Midland rose 4p while insurances were steady to narrowly lower. Properties were mixed. Oils lost ground slightly.

Price of gold closed in London Friday at \$145.00/oz.

Australia lifts ban on mining uranium reserves

CANBERRA, Aug. 26 (R). — Australia yesterday lifted a ban on mining and export of its vast uranium reserves, first step to its becoming a leading world supplier of nuclear fuel in the final decades of the century.

The country has one fifth of the West's known uranium reserves. Shipment would begin in the 1980s to Europe, Japan and the United States, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser told Parliament when he announced lifting of the four-year mining ban.

Opposition Labour deputy leader Tom Uren declared "we say to the mining companies that if you go ahead and sink your \$250 million or so into uranium mining in defiance of Labour policy (of an indefinite mining moratorium) then do not expect mercy from the next Labour government."

More than 1,000 demonstrators against uranium mining gathered outside Parliament to

hear Mr. Uren say that the fight against government policy on the issue had only just begun.

Inside the packed chamber, Mr. Fraser, the Premier, defended his decision. By exporting its uranium valued in tens of billions of dollars, Australia would diminish resort to more dangerous plutonium as a nuclear fuel, he said.

Mr. Whitlam called it a contemptuous policy to "take the money and run."

"On a global scale the approach is comparable to the marketing of Thalidomide," Mr. Whitlam said.

He told Parliament the government had "jumped on the gravy train of a technology that will have a maximum life of 50 years and will produce toxic wastes which will endure for a quarter of a million years."

Mr. Fraser said the government was satisfied that technology existed for the safe management and ultimate disposal of radioactive waste.

Egypt repays Soviet loan

CAIRO, Aug. 16 (AFP). — Egypt has fully repaid a \$82 million loan granted by the Soviet Union in 1958 to help finance the first phase of the Aswan Dam, Information Minister Abdul Moneim Al Sawi said yesterday. He said three installments remained to be paid by 1980 to complete reimbursement of a second loan of \$185 million granted by the USSR in 1960 for the second phase of the dam works.

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2. Fouad Kamal	AL HAITHAM	Ali	Shtawi 57
3. Khalid Aladwan	FARHA	Owner	Silmi 55,5
4. Khawi and Salim	MONA	Bilon	55,5
5. Galib Haddadin	NASIA	Owner	55,5
6. Yaqoub and Fanous	GHADA	Kamal	Mousa 55,5
7. Rashed Odeh	S. AL KHAIL	Jazza	55,5
8. Sharifa Noufa Naser	AMIRA	Ibrahim	Ibrahim 51,5
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10. Sulaiman Abu Sokout	M. RAID	Owner	Ahmad 50
11. K. Sultan Aladwan	AZIZAH	Owner	Mikhail 49,5
12. Okla Jawamis	AL HADBA	Owner	Salameh 48,5
13. A. Fattah Malhas	OM AL KALAI	Ali	45,5

THIRD RACE — 4:00 p.m.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES

DISTANCE 1,000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey/Weight
1. H.H. Sharif Hussein	IZZ AL KHAIL	Ibrahim	Ibrahim 57
2. H.H. Sharif Jamil Ibn Naser	BAHAR	Ibrahim	Salameh 52
3. Wassef Bisharat	FAIDAN	Bilon	Ali 57
4. Wassef Bisharat	FRANK	Bilon	Mikhail 57
5. Bahjat Fanous	S. AL MIDAN	Owner	Silmi 57
6. Nadim Al Dajani	AMER	Kamal	Salah 57
7. Saif Majali	AL NEES	Ali	Mousa 54
8. Tawfiq Ksous	AL HABBAB	Marmar	54
9. Mazen Lallas	SINNAR	Marmar	Deeb 53

SECOND RACE — 3:30 p.m.

FOR BEGINNER HORSES

DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey/Weight
1. Fouad Kamal	SINDIAN	Ali	57
2. Ismael Salim	B. AL ARAB	Bilon	Radwan 57
3. Tawfiq Ksous	S. AMJAD	Marmar	53
4. Nadim Al Dajani	ZALIM	Kamal	Salah 53
5. Faik Kawar	YAMAMEH	Bilon	51,5
6. Wassef Bisharat	SHOLE	Bilon	Mikhail 51,5
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8. H.H. Sharif Hussein Ibn Naser	NARIZ	Ibrahim	Salameh 50
9. Bahjat Fanous	MANIX	Owner	Silmi 47
10. Sami Yaqoub	ASHHAL	Kamal	Mousa 47

THIRD RACE — 4:30 p.m.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES

DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey/Weight
1. Bahjat Fanous	A. AL HAWA	Owner	Mousa 56
2. Tarik Ahmad	REEM	Marmar	Mikhail 54,5
3. Tawfiq Ksous	B. AL RIH	Marmar	54
4. Samir Farkouh	NAMNOUM	Marmar	Deeb 54
5. H.H. Sharif Naser Ibn Jamil	RABHA	Ibrahim	Ibrahim 48,5
6. H.H. Sharif Hussein Ibn Naser	RADWA	Ibrahim	Salameh 48,5

FOURTH RACE — 4:30 p.m.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES

DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey/Weight
1. Bahjat Fanous	A. AL HAWA	Owner	Mousa 56
2. Tarik Ahmad	REEM	Marmar	Mikhail 54,5
3. Tawfiq Ksous	B. AL RIH	Marmar	54
4. Samir Farkouh	NAMNOUM	Marmar	Deeb 54
5. H.H. Sharif Naser Ibn Jamil	RABHA	Ibrahim	Ibrahim 48,5
6. H.H. Sharif Hussein Ibn Naser	RADWA	Ibrahim	Salameh 48,5

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Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey/Weight
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2. Wassef Bisharat	BAYADER	Bilon	Mikhail 56
3. Ismael Salim	DAHIS	Bilon	Radwan 56
4. Fayek Kawar	IBN AL KIRAM	Bilon	50
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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Good time to be with good friends and gain more than usual by exchanging views, ideas. Plan for expansion. A new plan should be pushed as much as possible.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Contact a bigwig you know and gain the backing you need for a project important to you. Become involved in some civic matter.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You find it easy to handle some unhappy situation now. Get in touch with persons who have the information you need. Show more affection for kin.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Gain the favor of some important person in business and make life easier and more as you want it to be. Show more affection for loved one and gain support you need.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Good day to be with as many partners as you can. This helps you advance, but use modern methods. Do what will improve your present status in life.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study work well and find a more modern way of handling it and be more efficient. Talk over problems with fellow workers. Reach a better understanding and get good results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Add new types of pleasures to those you usually enjoy and be happier. Perfect your talents so that you are more successful with them. Avoid a troublemaker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Come to a better understanding with your family and have more harmony at home. A new plan can now be put in operation with good results. Avoid one who could be a hindrance to progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Find a new method of handling routine affairs and get them done more speedily and efficiently. Take time to be with good friends who can be helpful to you. Build up credit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan time to get your practical matters in better order, but be sure to use good sense. Listen to what an expert has suggest concerning money. Don't be fooled by conniving persons.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try to improve physical condition, then get into important activities with good results following. Attend a social function where you can make an excellent impression.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Dig up data from all sorts of media that can be most helpful to you in the future. Think along more constructive lines.

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WELL, I'LL BE! IT'S OLD CLYDE ORE!

AS I LIVE AND BREATHE, IT'S POPS FLINTSTONE!

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♦ A J 109
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introduce his heart suit. West was Jack Albuquerque, a fine tournament player, and his double of the final contract was a typical expert match-point tactic. At those tables where North raised spades vigorously at his first turn, East was unable to show his suit. As a result, West generally selected the ten of clubs or a trump as the opening lead, and declarer had no problem. At this table West had no difficulty in finding the only lead to give the defenders a chance—a low heart. East woo the ace and made a deadly shift to the eight of diamonds. Declarer played the king and West found the key play—he allowed de-

clarer to win the trick! This defensive duck was the contract's death koell. Declarer was now slated for a one-trick defeat no matter what he did, but when he tried the spade finesse he went down two. The de-

fenders took their two diamond tricks and East also scored his ten of spades by ruffing the fourth round of diamonds. Observe that, if West wins the ace of diamonds on the first lead of the suit, declarer coasts home. West can knock out declarer's remaining diamond stopper, but he has no entry to his hand to cash another diamond. After drawing trumps, declarer can discard two diamonds on the long clubs at his leisure.

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19. Pumps
21. Equal

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22. Friends
23. In what way
24. Profitable
27. Bee comb form
28. Routine
29. Persian fairy
30. Sketch
32. Ice pinnacle
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6. Succeed
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Manila law meet ends with call to destroy all nuclear weapons

MANILA, Aug. 26 (R). — The World Law conference ended here today with a call for the destruction of all nuclear weapons and the legal protection of human rights.

The conference declared that violation of human rights should not be treated as a domestic concern, but as a crime against humanity.

It appealed to leaders of all countries to respect the dignity of man and urged the international legal profession to work unceasingly to achieve this.

As an initial step towards dismantling nuclear arms, the

conference appealed to all nations to declare a moratorium on the further development of atomic weapons and to establish an international science control board to monitor observance.

The conference said the development of new, sophisticated and more powerful missiles by the United States and the Soviet Union created a grave danger.

It also adopted a resolution, condemning torture and other cruel forms of punishment used in many countries.

The delegates called on all nations to ratify international conventions on human rights. During the conference, they had accused the United States of not ratifying these conventions.

International committees on refugees set up by the World Peace Through Law Centre, the Washington-based sponsor of the conference, were asked to examine the problems of refugees and to take all steps to help them get their just rights and benefits.

Palestinian Prof. Musa Mazawi yesterday formally complained to the conference of not being allowed to speak fully on issues concerning refugees, mercenaries and human rights.

Dr. Mazawi, who is Dean of Law at the Central London Polytechnic, made the complaint in a letter to the chairman of the panel sessions committee of the conference.

Vance in Tokyo to brief Fukuda on Peking talks

TOKYO, Aug. 26 (Agencies). — United States Secretary of State Cyrus Vance arrived in Tokyo from Peking today and was scheduled to meet Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda this evening, and Japanese Foreign Minister Ichiro Hatoyama tomorrow morning.

The secretary of state will brief them on his talks with the Chinese leaders during his four-day visit to Peking.

Japan attaches great importance to Sino-American discussions with a view to normalising relations between the two countries, observers said.

An official spokesman said the Japanese prime minister intends asking Mr. Vance's assistance to settle the Japanese-American dispute on recycling uranium. The third series of negotiations on this will open in

Washington tomorrow.

The secretary of state will leave Tokyo tomorrow for Washington.

The White House said yesterday that President Carter believes China's leaders have taken a constructive attitude in their talks with Secretary Vance in Peking.

The president's views were relayed to reporters after Mr. Vance was received by Chairman Hun Kuo-feng following meetings with Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and Foreign Minister Huang Hua.

"He is impressed with the reports he has received on the depth of the discussions between Secretary Vance and the highest officials in the Chinese government, and with the constructive attitude displayed by those officials," Press Secretary Jody Powell said.

Andrew Young tells Lagos meet apartheid is a curable disease

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 26 (Agencies). — Ambassador Andrew Young told his U.N. representative body yesterday that apartheid was a disease that could be cured and that it was not necessary to kill the patient in the process.

Addressing a World Conference for Action Against Apartheid, being held in Lagos, Nigeria, the 45-year-old black

diplomat said most of his own life was lived under a "very rigid and violent system of apartheid."

Apartheid was a curable sickness which could very well be terminal, both spiritually and physically.

"But we also know that it is a disease that can be cured and that it is not necessary

to kill the patient in order to cure the disease," the New Orleans-born envoy said, citing the "irresponsible progress" made in the past few decades in the U.S. and which he expected to accelerate under the administration of President Carter.

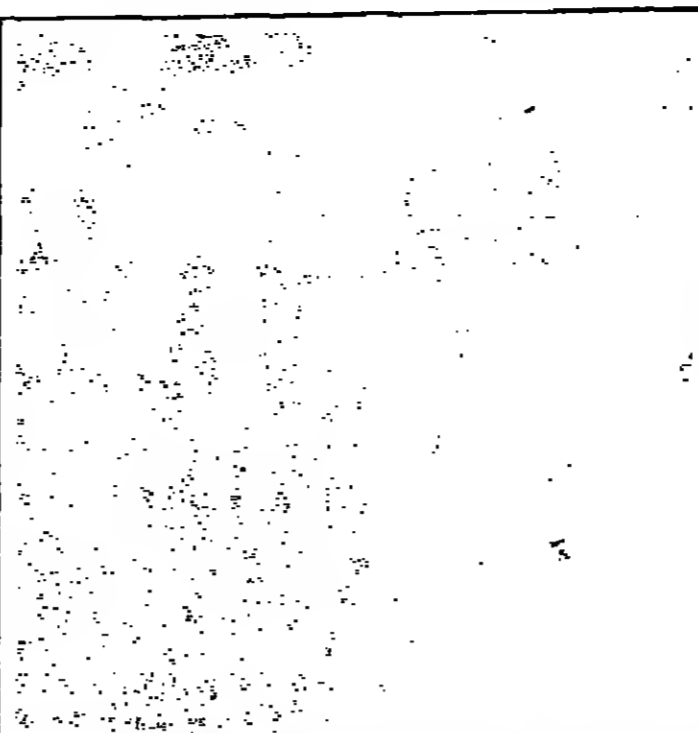
Mr. Young, whose address was made available by the U.S. mission to the U.N., said: "No one at this conference or in any meeting of the Organisation of African Unity has ever called for the destruction of four million white citizens in South Africa."

He said he had been interested and somewhat amused to find that the U.S. government, along with many others, had been "condemned, blamed and blasted for its imperialism, neo-colonialism, capitalism or what have you" by many of the speakers attending the conference.

The general said the young black, who was not named, appeared to have been killed when police opened fire on a group of students outside the Jabulani Junior Secondary School in Soweto yesterday morning after the students began stoning cars and bystanders.

He said that after the incident, a large group of blacks arrived at the Baragwanath Hospital outside the township and dumped the body of the young man. He was taken in to the hospital but pronounced dead.

Gen. Kriel also said the black University of the North, outside Pretoria, was closed indefinitely last night, following a two-day boycott of classes by students in protest against the expulsion from the university



ENGAGED - Princess Caroline of Monaco poses for photographers with her fiancé M. Philippe Junot in the gardens of Grimaldi Palace, Monaco, on Thursday, following the announcement of her engagement.

Princess Caroline will marry in June

MONACO, Aug. 26 (AFP). — Princess Caroline of Monaco will marry her frequent escort, Paris insurance executive Philippe Junot, in June 1978, it was announced here yesterday.

A palace announcement said the exact date of the wedding would be set later. A communiqué issued last night said the couple had met at the home of mutual friends in Paris in December 1976.

The princess, 20, and her 37-year-old fiancé posed for photographers with their families yesterday in the gardens of the Grimaldi Palace overlooking the Mediterranean.

Wearing a pale pink dress, Princess Caroline stole frequent glances at her sapphire-and-diamond engagement ring as she and her fiancé smilingly obliged photographers' request for an embrace.

M. Junot, wearing a navy blazer, joked: "We cannot look into each other's eyes and into your lenses at the same time."

The couple also posed during the quarter-hour session with their parents, Prince Rainier and Princess Grace and M. and Mme. Michel Junot. A family luncheon was attended afterwards.

Caroline is the eldest child of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace, the former actress Grace Kelly, who married on April 19, 1956. Prince Albert, the heir, is one year younger than Princess Caroline, and Princess Stephanie is 13.

Tall and athletic, Princess Caroline is a philosophy student at the Sorbonne in Paris after having earned the French Baccalaureat and its equivalent secondary education certificate in England.

The striking brunette princess, born on Jan. 13, 1957, carries out a heavy schedule of official duties in the Principality of Monaco, in addition to making frequent trips to the United States and England.

Her fiancé is said to be a descendant of French Gen. Andoche Junot, the Duke of Abrantes, who died in 1813. He is also related to the Socialist leader Jean Jaures (1859-1914). M. Junot, who has a law degree, heads an insurance firm in Paris.

Princess Caroline's home, the Principality of Monaco, has become an industrialised state in the 28 years of her father's reign in addition to remaining a tourism and casino centre. The 4,500 subjects of Monaco live on only 189 hectares of land, partly recovered from the sea.

Soweto police kill black youth during new clashes

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 26 (R). — A young black man has been shot dead during a clash between riot police and students in the sprawling black township of Soweto, Riot Police Gen. David Kriel said last night.

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of a member of the Student Representative Council, and the poor quality of university food.

At least six young blacks have been killed in disturbances during the past month in the black township outside Johannesburg, where students have been boycotting classes in protest against the Bantu (black) Education System, which they say is inferior to the white educational system.

The government has denied this, but last night Bantu Education Minister Michael Botha said he was closing down all but two secondary schools in Soweto and replacing them with government schools in a bid to get students back to classes.

The boycott at the University of the North was not thought to be directly related to the action of the Soweto students. But demonstrations by Soweto students have before led to unrest throughout the country and the activity of Soweto tends to recur in other townships.

Holland back in political crisis as den Uyl fails to form coalition

THE HAGUE, Aug. 26 (R). — Queen Juliana today began fresh talks with politicians and advisers on trying to form a new Dutch government, following the collapse yesterday of an attempt to build a coalition by caretaker Premier Joop den Uyl.

Mr. den Uyl, 58, had sought since the May 25 elections to bring together his Socialist Party and the Christian Democrats.

He conceded defeat and plunged Holland back into a political crisis yesterday saying he was convinced the Christian Democrats did not wish to cooperate on proposed legislation to permit abortions.

the collapse of his attempts as "a very grave matter," said. "I am convinced that a cabinet which cannot agree on legislation on abortion in Holland would be falling in its social and legal policies."

The laborious talks between the two parties and the small Democrats '66 Party stagnated after compromise proposals by Mr. den Uyl were rejected by Christian Democrat leader Mr. Andreas van Agt.

It took Mr. den Uyl a record five-and-a-half months to form his last centre-left cabinet in 1973. It fell in March this year, two months before the general elections.

seat lower house, with the Christian Democrats the second largest group with 49.

Political sources said the queen might ask Mr. van Agt again to try and form a government with the Liberals, who with the Christian Democrats would command a narrow majority.

Mr. van Agt declined an earlier request by the queen to approach the Liberals when Mr. den Uyl's first attempt to form a cabinet failed.

Another alternative is a minority Labour government together with the Democrats '66, but this would likely prove to be unsatisfactory to deal with the major social and economic problems confronting the country.

W. German police hunt anarchists after prosecutor's office attack

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Aug. 26 (Agencies). — Police today were combing this city for terrorists who set up a device here yesterday to fire a rocket into the office of the federal prosecutor general.

But a spokesman poured cold water on speculation that the device was part of an assassination plot against Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann.

He said that the mechanism, a home-made delayed-action rocket launcher, was set to go off shortly before midnight, suggesting that it was meant to cause only material damage.

Police said that five persons claiming to be members of the "Red Army Faction" of the

Badler-Meinhof anarchist gang rigged it up in an artist's flat across the street from the office.

The Badler-Meinhof gang has been accused of engineering the gunshot killing of Herr Rebmann's predecessor as federal prosecutor here last April.

The five bound and gagged the ageing painter and his wife, set up the device and fled, the spokesman said.

He said the couple had worked themselves free and called police with a very good description of two of the five -- a man about 30 years' old and a woman about 28, probably wearing a wig.

Police last night found what they said was the terrorists' abandoned getaway car, a Renault purchased on Monday near Mannheim.

But the spokesman said that police taking part in the vast manhunt had lost their trail.

The Karlsruhe authorities have recently warned of a build-up of guerrilla activity in the city, where there have been several small bomb attacks in the last two weeks.

One was at a hotel where Herr Rebmann was due to give a press conference. This, and others at a local court and a theatre, caused damage put at about 100,000 marks (\$25,000).

Italy reportedly offers plan to end Kappler row with Germans

ROME, Aug. 26 (Agencies). — Italy has proposed a compromise with the West Germans in the embarrassing case of Herr Herbert Kappler, where by the escaped Nazi war criminal would stay in a German clinic -- he is dying of cancer -- but under guard, well-informed sources said today.

The Italian compromise would aim to satisfy both opinion in West Germany -- where there have been calls for the dying man to be set free, and in Italy -- where the escape led to a sense of outrage and a formal extradition request to Bonn.

But in Bonn, the West German government spokesman said today his country had received no such proposal from Italy.

Spokesman Armin Gruenewald told a news conference in Bonn that reports to this effect from Rome were "the first I have heard about it."

The former S.S. colonel, serving life for his role in the 1944 reprisal killing of 335 Romans, escaped from a military hospital in Rome on Aug. 15 and is now believed to be in Soltau, West Germany.

Reports have said his wife Annellee smuggled him out in a wheeled suitcase, although one informed source in Rome said today investigators were now sceptical of this, beginning to think Herr Kappler, 70, walked out assisted by his wife when guards were absent.

Explaining Italy's compromise proposal today, the sources said Italians would see Herr Kappler as still in legal custody. West Germans would see the guard as protecting Herr Kappler against possible attack.

Both the Italian and West German governments are anxious that the incident should not damage their close rela-

tions but both face strong internal political pressures.

The escape caused demands here for the resignation of Defence Minister Vito Lattanzio and triggered anti-German incidents, including bomb attacks on two German-owned petrol stations and the West German trade offices in Milan.

The wife speaks

In a telephone call to an Italian newsmagazine which was broadcast by the Italian Radio today, Frau Annellee Kappler said her husband went through a period of heart discomfort on Wednesday night.

"I thought he was going to

die," she said. "His state of health is worrisome and it is indispensable for me to be at his side."

Frau Kappler reaffirmed that she alone helped him escape from the military hospital in Rome.

She said she was phoning from a small bedroom in the countryside a long way from Hamburg.

She confirmed that she has sold the exclusive account of her husband's escape to a news agency in Hamburg. Its publication will begin next week, she said.

Frau Kappler declined to answer many of the questions posed by the reporter.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

5,000 shanty homes bulldozed in S. Africa

★ CAPE TOWN, Aug. 26 (AFP). — The shanty homes of some 5,000 black and coloured (mixed descent) people were demolished here yesterday by government bulldozers despite protests by several prominent churchmen and academics. In the early morning the bulldozers moved in on Cape Town's second largest shanty town at Werkgenot near the site of the Modderdam Road camp that was demolished two weeks ago. Eyewitnesses said the bulldozers flattened the tin-and-cardboard shacks of people who, till then, were still occupying their homes -- after they were forcibly removed. Police stood by to keep away white protesters, churchmen and social workers at Werkgenot.

Bishop's guard foils Nicosia bomb attack

★ NICOSIA, Aug. 26 (R). — Police defused a bomb planted outside the residence of Bishop Chrysanthos of Limassol, a prospective candidate in forthcoming Episcopal elections to choose a successor to the late Archbishop Makarios as head of the Orthodox Church in Cyprus. A police statement said a guard spotted smoke coming from a plastic bag beside the bishop's residence on Wednesday night. It contained sticks of dynamite, detonators and a fuse. The bishop said last weekend that he had received threats warning him not to stand for the election.

Syria launches anti-cholera campaign

★ DAMASCUS, Aug. 26 (AFP). — A campaign against cholera has been launched throughout Syria following an announcement last Saturday of a "few cases in certain regions." All swimming pools have been closed. A government announcement warned restaurant owners they will be awarded if they serve raw meat, fruit juice or sorbet ices. Health Minister Madam Khyami said on Saturday that there had been no deaths because of cholera.

South Africa's diamond theft finds suspect

★ CAPE TOWN, Aug. 26 (R). — A Belgian diamond merchant was charged in court here today with stealing 280,000 uncut stones worth nearly four million rand (about £2.6 million), described as South Africa's biggest gem theft. Mr. Bernard Rudnicki entered no plea and was remanded in custody until Sept. 15 for more police investigations. Police say he told them three masked men stole the diamonds from his factory, and threw sulphuric acid on his face. This was on Aug. 19 when he was taken to hospital with acid burns. But police allege that the diamonds were stolen during an extended period. Most of the diamonds were still missing, police said.

Neo-Nazis say they blasted Paris station

★ PARIS, Aug. 26 (R). — A rudimentary bomb exploded at Montparnasse Railway Station last night and a Neo-Nazi group said it was their way of marking yesterday's 33rd anniversary of the liberation of Paris from German occupation. No one was hurt, but a row of luggage lockers, was the work of the Neo-Nazi "Peiper Group". This is named after former S.S. Col. Joachim Peiper who was thought to have died when unidentified anarchists burned down his home in eastern France last year. Montparnasse Station was where the German garrison in Paris surrendered to the late Marshal Philippe Leclerc in 1944. The "Peiper Group" claimed responsibility last week when a statue of the marshal in south Paris was knocked off its base by an explosion.

South Africa's 28th heart transplant

★ CAPE TOWN, Aug. 26 (R). — A team of surgeons led by Prof. Christian Barnard last night performed South Africa's 28th heart transplant, a hospital spokesman said today. The donor and recipient were both believed to be South Africans. The spokesman said the patient's condition was satisfactory having the donor's heart placed alongside his own, which was not removed. Dr. Barnard performed the world's first human heart transplant at Cape Town's Groote Schuur Hospital in 1969.

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News Focus

Israel's excuses for refusing PLO recognition

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (R). — What would it take to make the Israelis sit down at the negotiating table with the Palestine Liberation Organisation?

On one point the Israeli view as expressed by the government, the opposition, by the press and by the man-in-the-street is near unanimous. This is that simple acceptance of Security Council Resolution 242 by the PLO would not "qualify" them to take part in negotiations.

The United States has suggested that acceptance of Resolution 242, with its reference to secure Israeli borders, might be taken as acceptance of Israel's "right to exist".

But it would be hard to find anyone in Israel agreeing with this, outside of the small Communist Party with its mainly Jewish leadership but predominantly Arab membership.

Those Israelis who believe the PLO might eventually become acceptable as a negotiating partner, in the main insist on an important "minimum condition".

This is deletion from the 33-clause PLO Covenant of at le-

ast 13 clauses which they regard as referring to the "destruction" or "disappearance" of Israel as a Jewish state and "expulsion" of Jews who came to Israel since 1917.

Most supporters of the right-wing Likud government are opposed to talks with the PLO under any circumstances. But a growing number of Liberals on the left, within the Labour Party and others, are indicating increasing acceptance of what is known as the Yarov-Shemtov formula.

Named after former Minister of Health Victor Shemtov and Mr. Aharon Yarov, a former head of military intelligence and one-time adviser to former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, this formula seeks to express the Israeli viewpoint more "positively".

Instead of totally rejecting the PLO as a negotiating partner, Mr. Shemtov and Mr. Yarov have proposed that Israel should announce its readiness to talk to the PLO if it abandoned its aims of "destroying" Israel.

This means a radical amendment of the PLO Covenant, its charter adopted after the war of 1967.

This viewpoint is based on a series of analyses of the Covenant by Prof. Yehoshafat Harkabi, also a former head of military intelligence and adviser to Mr. Rabin who is now a professor of Middle East Affairs at Tel Aviv University.

He says that to take possible PLO acceptance of a Security Council resolution as a sign of a change of heart is meaningless as long as the terms of the PLO Covenant remain enshrined as policy. With one third of it calling directly for Israel's "destruction", he claims.

The main clauses to which Prof. Harkabi refers (in the 1968 version) are:

"Palestine is the homeland of the Palestinian Arab people and an integral part of the great Arab homeland... Palestine with its boundaries that existed at the time of the British Mandate is an integral regional unit... the Palestinian Arab people possess the legal right to this homeland, and when liberation of its homeland is completed it will exercise self-determination solely according to its own will and choice."

Prof. Harkabi claims the boundaries of the Palestinian ho-

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